WHEREAS, America's hunters and fishermen are deserving of special recognition because of their outstanding contributions to recreation, conservation and the economy; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters and anglers have been the leaders of major conservation programs since the turn of the century; and,

WHEREAS, These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of State Fish and Game Departments in all fifty States; and,

WHEREAS, They have asked that they be required to buy hunting and fishing licenses and that the money collected be used to support State conservation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters and fishermen asked for season and bag limits so that everyone would have a fair chance to harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding stock of any species; and,

WHEREAS, Sportsmen's programs have benefited hundreds of non-game, fish and wildlife through habitat development; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 24, 1977, as

SOUTH DAKOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

and urge all of our citizens to join with sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, I urge all citizens to visit sportsmen's clubs on South Dakota Hunting and Fishing Day to learn more about conservation and outdoor development of skills.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Scal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE